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IN REPLY REFER TO:

COMNAVREG MIDLANT
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COMNAVREG MIDLANT INSTRUCTION 11015.2

Subj: HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Ref: (a) 16 U.S. Code § 670 et seq.
(b) 10 U.S. Code § 2671
(c) 32 C.F.R. Part 190
(d) 29.1 Va. Code Chapter 3 and 5; 4 Va. Admin. Code, Agency 15 (Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries)
(e) 50 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter B
(f) OPNAVINST 5090.1B, Chapter 22
(g) NAVSEA OP-5, Vol. 1, § 2-1.6
(h) JAGMAN

Encl: (1) Station Permit Suspension/Revocation
(2) Hunter Application Form
(3) Qualification Proficiency Standards

1. Purpose. To regulate hunting and trapping on board Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown (NWSY); Cheatham Annex (CAX); Naval Air Station, Oceana (NASO); Dam Neck Annex (DNAX); and Naval Auxiliary Landing Facility, Fentress (NALF).

2. Cancellation. The following instructions are hereby cancelled: NASOCEANAINST 11015.2B, WPNSTAYORKTOWNINST 1710.20T, CAXINST 11015.20, NAVPHIBASELCREEKINST 10570.II (Hunting Only), and FCTCLANTINST 11015.1C.

3. Policy

a. Reference (a) requires sustainable, multi-purpose use of Naval Installations consistent with combat readiness, to include hunting and trapping, and, subject to safety requirements and military security, public access for such purposes.

b. Reference (b) requires compliance with Federal and State Hunting Laws, prescribes that State hunting licenses must be obtained if State law authorizes licenses for non-resident active duty personnel on the same terms as residents, and grants access to Naval Installations by State wildlife management officials.

c. Reference (c) implements reference (a), providing, among other things, for public access to Naval Installations, unless a specific determination is made that safety or security reasons prohibit, or carrying capacity of wildlife resources precludes

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such access. Reference (c) also provides that hunting and trapping fees collected pursuant to reference (a) shall be used only to defray the costs of wildlife management programs at the Installation collecting the fees. Collection, handling, and disbursement of funds shall comply with requirements prescribed by COMNAVFACENGCOM and the Regional Resources Services Office.

d. Hunting and trapping on board NWSY, CAX, NASO, DNAX, and NALF shall comply with reference (d), Virginia's hunting and trapping laws and regulations; reference (e), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's regulations pertaining to endangered and threatened species and migratory birds; reference (f), the Navy's Natural Resources Program Instruction; and reference (g), which places special limits on hunting and trapping in the vicinity of explosives handling and storage areas.

e. Hunting and trapping safety, to include the security of personnel, operations, and facilities, are matters within the authority and responsibility of Installation Commanders. Suspected violations of Federal and State statutes and regulations shall be reported to the cognizant Natural Resources Manager or to Naval law enforcement personnel. These violations will be investigated with a view to referral to the United States Attorney or, depending on the nature of the suspected violation, to Virginia civil authorities. Other suspected violations of this Instruction, not amounting to a violation of Federal or State law, shall be investigated and forwarded to the cognizant Installation Commander for disposition. Investigation and enforcement may be conducted only by properly trained Federal and State personnel under the direction of, or in coordination with, Natural Resources Managers. Reference (c) pertains.

f. Hunting and trapping related incidents involving personal injury or property damage, especially those with potential to result in claims for or against the Government, shall be investigated and adjudicated as per reference (h). ALL HANDS ARE REMINDED TO REPORT SUCH INCIDENTS PROMPTLY. Initial reports of the occurrence of personal injury or property damage may be made, by the most expeditious means available, to Natural Resources Managers; Hunt Captains; Security, medical emergency, or law enforcement personnel; Command Duty Officers; and others in the Installation Commander's chain of command.

g. Acceptance of a permit to hunt or trap on board a COMNAVREG MIDLANT Installation constitutes consent to inspection at any time by duly authorized personnel (Navy, Federal, and State), for purposes of safety, security, or compliance with this Instruction and the statutes and regulations it incorporates by reference. The permit application form, enclosure (2), will so specify.

4. Responsibilities

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a. Regional Engineer

(1) Natural Resources Manager. The Natural Resources Managers at the Regional Engineer's Oceana and Yorktown Compliance Departments are responsible for managing fish and wildlife resources to include control of game harvesting and the designation of hunting/trapping areas. The Natural Resources Managers and Conservation Officers resolve disputes involving ownership of harvested game and enforce all Federal, State, and local game laws and regulations.

(a) Subject to 10 U.S. Code § 1588, Natural Resources Managers are authorized to accept voluntary services in support of hunting and trapping related natural resources programs, functions, and activities, including without limitation, Hunt Captains at NWSY, operating and maintaining the archery range at NASO Bldg. 78, conducting hunter qualification programs, and investigating alleged violations of hunting and trapping laws and regulations.

(2) Designated Conservation Officers. Conservation Officers are trained personnel assigned to the Regional Engineer's Oceana and Yorktown Compliance Departments who, acting under the Natural Resources Managers, are responsible for enforcing Federal, State, and local wildlife laws and regulations. Conservation Officers are authorized to conduct game and hunter inspections to determine compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

b. Security Program Manager - NASO. Security will provide hunter check-in and check-out assistance.

c. Hunters and Trappers. Acceptance of a permit to hunt or trap on board a COMNAVREG MIDLANT Installation constitutes consent to abide by this Instruction, Federal and State statutes and regulations incorporated herein by reference, and directives of Natural Resources Managers, Hunt Captains, and Conservation Officers. The permit application form, enclosure (2), will so specify.

5. General

a. Authorized Personnel. For reasons of safety, security, and resource carrying capacity, only the following persons are authorized to hunt and trap on NWSY, CAX, NASO, NALF, and DNAX:

(1) Active duty military personnel and their dependents

(2) Retired military personnel and their dependents

(3) Federal civilian employees at COMNAVREG MIDLANT Installations and their dependents

(4) Reservists and their dependents

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(5) Retired Federal civilian employees at the Installation from which they retired

(6) The above-listed authorized personnel may sponsor one guest while hunting whitetail deer or turkey on NWSY, CAX, NASO, DNAX, and NALF or two guests while hunting small game.

(7) Active duty personnel will be given priority in instances where demand for a hunting activity exceeds availability on any COMNAVREG MIDLANT Installation.

b. Hunting Equipment

(1) Firearms

(a) The use of centerfire and rimfire rifles or handguns for hunting is prohibited on all Installations covered under this Instruction.

(b) Shotguns may be used for deer hunting at designated areas on NWSY, CAX, NALF, DNAX, and for small game hunting at all Installations covered under this Instruction. With the exception of waterfowl, there is no small game hunting on DNAX.

(c) Shotguns must be 10 gauge or less, the magazines of which have been cut off or plugged so the gun will hold no more than three shells - chamber and magazine combined. A minimum 20 gauge is required for deer hunting.

(d) Muzzleload firearms for the special NASO and DNAX hunts shall comply with current Virginia regulations.

(e) It is prohibited to transport a loaded firearm in a vehicle or to carry a loaded firearm on a hard surface road.

(2) Ammunition

(a) Shot size #7½ or less must be used for doves and upland birds. Waterfowl hunters must use steel or other federally approved non-toxic alternatives to lead shot. Recommended shot size for waterfowl is BB through #6.

(b) Shot size #6 or less is authorized for rabbits, squirrels, and small game other than doves or upland birds.

(c) Buckshot (#1, 0, 00, and 000) only is permitted for deer at NWSY, CAX, NALF, and DNAX. Slugs are prohibited on all Installations.

(d) Turkey hunters are restricted to shot size between #2 and #6.

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(3) Archery. Archery equipment for deer hunting at all locations must be handheld and hand-drawn (release aids are permitted). Archery equipment shall conform to all applicable regulations in reference (d).

(4) General

(a) Shotguns and bows and arrows may be brought onto Station only by those given permission to hunt, and then only on the day of an authorized hunt. At NWSY and CAX, off-station residents must have permission in advance from the Security Officer to bring weapons on board for practicing, qualifying, etc., on days other than hunting days. Off-station residents will remove weapons from the Station immediately upon securing from hunting or checking out from the Hunt Station.

c. Safety/Security Requirements

(1) Hunter Safety

(a) All firearm hunters must have attended a hunter safety course approved by the Virginia Game Division. Proof of successful completion must be presented upon purchase of Installation hunting permits.

(b) All bowhunters at NASO, NALF and DNAX must produce a certificate of completion from an International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) Safety Course at the time of Station permit purchase or during proficiency qualifications. IBEP is strongly recommended for bowhunters at NWSY or CAX.

(2) Blaze Orange

(a) All deer hunters are required to wear blaze orange while walking to and from their stand, and while pursuing wounded game. In addition, bowhunters and muzzleload hunters must adhere to all blaze orange requirements specified in reference (d) during the regular firearms season. Outside the regular firearms season, and while on stand, bowhunters and muzzleload hunters must display solid blaze orange material (at least 100 square inches) at shoulder level within arms reach and visible from 360 degrees.

(b) Small game hunters are required to wear blaze orange in accordance with reference (d). Blaze orange is not required while dove or waterfowl hunting, or during the spring turkey season.

(c) During deer and small game season, trappers are required to follow blaze orange requirements as specified above.

(3) Vehicles/Parking

(a) NWSY. During deer season, designated Hunt Captains will transport hunters to their hunting area. Each Hunt

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Captain is responsible for the conduct and safety of his/her group and shall make sure the members of the group follow Federal and State regulations and this Instruction. During other seasons, two personal operating vehicles (POVs) will be allowed per hunting area. The Natural Resources Staff will register the vehicles and provide a dashboard pass the morning of the hunt authorizing POV entry into the restricted area. The pass must be returned to Natural Resources when checking out at the conclusion of the hunt.

(b) NASO/NALF/DNAX. Designated vehicle parking areas will be described during the required indoctrination. Vehicle parking passes will be distributed at hunter check-in. Parking in other areas, or without a displayed parking pass, is prohibited.

(4) General

(a) Drive-hunting deer - using hunters as drivers - without permission is prohibited. The Natural Resources Manager may organize and execute man-drives in situations where he deems population management is necessary.

(b) It is prohibited to hunt, carry a loaded weapon or discharge a weapon within 150 yards of an occupied structure or horse trail, or within 200 yards of exposed working personnel, recreation areas, buffer zones, or roads. Hunting over horse trails is authorized at NWSY, as trail-riding is not permitted on hunt days.

(c) Hunting or trapping while in possession or under the influence of alcohol, as defined by State law, or of any substance prohibited by Federal or State law, is likewise prohibited. Appropriate action will be taken to address personal accountability for all instances of alcohol and substance abuse. Similarly, smoking is prohibited in all hunting areas and in all Government buildings.

d. Dog Use and Training

(1) Training. As noted in reference (d), the training of dogs-on-live-wild-animals is considered hunting and is unlawful during the closed season.

(2) NASO, NALF, and DNAX. Dogs shall not be used to hunt whitetail deer. Dogs are permitted for use by small game hunters on NASO and NALF and must at all times be in control of the handler.

(3) NWSY and CAX. Dogs may be used to hunt deer and small game only if approved in advance by the Natural Resources Manager.

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(4) Waterfowl. Use of retrieving dogs is permitted and encouraged for waterfowl hunters on DNAX, although they will not be allowed to roam freely outside hunting locations.

e. Tree-Stands. Permanent tree-stands, or those affixed to trees by screws or nails, may be provided at NWSY or CAX. However, permanent stands are prohibited on other COMNAVREG MIDLANT Installations. Pruning of small limbs (less than 2" in diameter) is permitted around temporary tree-stands for safe bow limb clearance. Removal of large limbs or trees for creation of shooting lanes is prohibited. All temporary tree-stands are to be removed no later than 30 days from the completion of the hunting season. All stands must be clearly marked with the owner's name and use a permit number.

f. Protected Wildlife. Protected wildlife as defined by reference (e) such as songbirds, hawks, owls, eagles, gulls, herons, egrets, and vultures shall not be hunted or trapped at any time. Killing, capturing, or harassing other non-game species is prohibited. There shall be no open season on any wildlife except as specified by reference (d) and this Instruction.

g. Wildlife Harassment. Harassment of wildlife unless specifically needed to maintain flightline safety at NASO or NALF is prohibited and, if required, must be coordinated through the Natural Resources Manager.

h. Spotlighting. It is unlawful for any person to cast the rays of an artificial light as a hunting or trapping aid on any Station field or woodland area at any time except for routine census checks conducted by the Natural Resources Manager.

i. Injured Wildlife. Injured wildlife shall be immediately reported to the Natural Resources Manager for determination of disposition. Hunters are required to make every possible effort to retrieve wounded deer. On NASO, if a wounded deer is lost, hunters shall notify Security. The Natural Resources Manager, Conservation Officers, and hunting and trapping program volunteers may offer assistance in tracking if required. At NWSY and CAX, Hunt Captains will assist in tracking wounded animals.

6. Procedures

a. Hunting Licenses. Each hunter must possess a valid Virginia Hunting License. A big game license is required for deer and turkey hunting, and a migratory bird stamp and a Virginia Harvest Information Program (HIP) number is required for hunting waterfowl and other migratory birds.

b. Station Permits. In addition to a valid Virginia Hunting License, a current Station Hunting Permit is required of all persons who hunt or trap on board Installations covered under this Instruction. Each Station permit will cover all authorized small and big game hunting allowed on the Installation during the

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current hunting season. Annual permits are valid concurrent with the Virginia hunting licenses (1 July - 30 June).

(1) NWSY and CAX. All hunters on NWSY or CAX must possess a NWSY Hunting Permit. Permits may be obtained for \$10.00 from NWSY Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), Bldg. 705 and CAX MWR, Bldg. 130. This permit covers all small and big game hunting on either unit.

(2) NASO, NALF, and DNAX. All hunters on NASO, NALF, or DNAX must obtain a NASO Hunting Permit. Hunting and trapping permits are obtainable only from the Regional Engineer, Oceana Compliance Department staff located at the Natural Resources Center (NRC), Bldg. 78. The cost for a hunting, trapping, or range-only permit is \$20.00 per season. Purchase of a season permit allows use of the archery range at the NRC and covers all small game, big game, and waterfowl hunting on these Installations.

(3) Upon submitting an application to hunt, individuals shall be required to sign a general release statement, which relieves the Federal government of liability in case of accident or injury. Individuals are responsible for having read and understood all applicable Federal, State, local, and Installation hunting regulations.

(4) All guests must adhere to application procedures specified in enclosure (2) of this Instruction, obtain a valid Installation Hunting Permit, comply with all applicable qualifications as outlined below, and are the responsibility of their sponsor while hunting.

(5) For individuals under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign the hunting application. Minors are the responsibility of their adult sponsor who holds a valid hunting permit. Dependents under the age of 12 must be in the same stand or in direct contact with the parent or legal guardian at all times while hunting. At NWSY, individuals under 16 years of age may occupy the same stand as their sponsor, but only one gun will be allowed on each stand.

c. Qualifications. Persons wishing to hunt deer with archery equipment or muzzleloading rifles must complete an annual proficiency qualification. There is no qualification required of shotgun hunters. Qualification dates and times will be announced during the first week of August and September in the "Plan Of The Week" (POW) and will also be posted at NASO NRC, Bldg. 78; NWSY Hunt Station, Bldg. 53; and CAX, Bldg. 19.

d. Deer Hunting on NASO or DNAX

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. Unless specifically restricted by Natural Resources Staff, seasons and hours will conform to those listed in reference (d). There shall be no hunting at NASO during and two days prior to the Annual Air Show.

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(2) Area Closures. The Natural Resources Manager and/or the Security Officer may close specific areas at any time. Such announcements will be posted at NASO Security, Bldg. 320 and at the NRC, Bldg. 78.

(3) Indoctrination Brief. All persons wishing to hunt deer are required to attend an Indoctrination Brief given by the Natural Resources Staff. This brief will help hunters familiarize themselves with hunting areas, base regulations, and all procedures not covered in this Instruction. These procedures are enforceable as indicated by enclosure (1). Dates for indoctrination will be posted at the NRC, Bldg. 78 and in the POW beginning in August.

(4) Check-in Procedures

(a) Each hunter shall sign-out at NASO Security, Bldg. 320, for a specific area immediately before going into the field for hunting or scouting. Hunters may sign-out for an area as early as 1½ hours prior to sunrise. Hunters must report to the check station within 1½ hours after sunset of that hunting day or forfeit hunting privileges for the season. A hunter may not proceed to another hunting area without signing-back-in and then back-out for the new area. Log forms must be completed at the end of each day's hunt. This includes information on hours hunted, game seen and harvested, and hunter identification.

(b) Only one hunter shall be allowed in each hunting area for deer hunting unless a hunter is sponsoring a guest or hunters have prearranged with each other to hunt in the area. Hunters who plan to hunt in the same area must all be present at the time of check-in for an area.

(c) Hunters shall be issued parking passes upon check-in for hunting areas. The parking pass must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard.

(5) Permits/Application Process. In addition to the required State license and Installation Hunting Permit, hunters wishing to participate in the special muzzleloader hunt on NASO or DNAX must mail or submit enclosure (2) to the Natural Resources Manager by specified dates. Maps locating authorized hunting/parking areas will be issued with the hunting permit.

(6) Scouting

(a) Scouting is permitted at any time during the year for individuals with a valid hunting permit. Scouting shall be closed two weeks prior to the opening day of the regularly scheduled deer season, and may be closed at other times by the Natural Resources Manager or NASO Security.

(b) Individuals wishing to scout must report to the NASO Security, Bldg. 320, and check-out under the same procedures for hunting outlined above.

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(7) Handling of Harvested Game. Hunters may field-dress deer off station or in wooded areas where animals were harvested. No field-dressing is permitted within 200 yards of occupied buildings, roads, horse trails, agricultural areas, or within Airfield Clear Zone Boundaries.

(8) Game Check-In. Per reference (d), a hunter harvesting a deer shall immediately attach the appropriate big game tag from his/her license or DMAP tag to the animal before moving it from the place of kill. Successful hunters must contact the Natural Resource Manager (433-3461 or 433-2151 until 1600 hours) to be issued a Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) Check Card and for collection of biological data from the animal. After 1600 hours, the Natural Resources Manager may be contacted through NASO Security (433-3103). All check-in of deer will occur at the NRC, Bldg. 78.

e. Deer hunting on NALF

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. Hunting at NALF is during the general Chesapeake firearms season unless otherwise designated by the Natural Resources Manager. Unless specifically restricted by Natural Resources Staff, seasons and hours will conform to those listed in reference (d).

(2) Area Closures. The Natural Resources Manager and/or Security Officer may close specific areas at any time. Such announcements will be posted at Crash Captain's Watch Desk, Bldg. 100 and the NRC, Bldg. 78.

(3) Indoctrination Brief. All persons wishing to hunt deer are required to attend an Indoctrination Brief given by the Natural Resources Staff. This brief will help hunters familiarize themselves with hunting areas, base regulations, and all procedures not covered in this Instruction. Dates for indoctrination will be posted at the NRC, Bldg. 78, and in the POW beginning in August.

(4) Check-In Procedures. Hunters shall sign-out for a specific area as early as 1½ hours prior to sunrise at the Crash Captain's Watch Desk, Bldg. 100 (NALF) immediately before going into the field for hunting or scouting. Hunters must report to Bldg. 100 within 1½ hours after sunset of that hunting day and complete a log form or forfeit hunting privileges for the season. A hunter may not proceed to another hunting area without signing-back-in and then back-out for the new area.

(5) Permits/Application Process. No application other than purchase of the required State license and Installation hunting permit is required.

(6) Scouting. Individuals wishing to scout must report to the Crash Captain, Bldg. 100, and check-out for an area under the same procedures for hunting outlined above.

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(7) Handling of Harvested Game. Hunters may field-dress deer off station or in wooded areas where animals were harvested. No field-dressing is permitted within 200 yards of occupied buildings, roads, agricultural areas, or within Airfield Clear Zone Boundaries.

(8) Game Check-In. Per reference (d), a hunter harvesting a deer shall immediately attach the appropriate big game tag from his/her license or DMAP tag to the animal before moving it from the place of kill. Successful hunter must contact the Natural Resource Manager (433-3461 or 433-2151) until 1600 hours to be issued a VDGIF Check Card and for collection of biological data from the animal. After 1600 hours, the Natural Resources Manager may be contacted through NASO Security (433-3103). All check-in of deer will occur at the NRC, Bldg. 78.

f. Deer Hunting on NWSY

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. Hunting is permitted only on Saturdays or specified Holidays that fall within the established Virginia hunting seasons, or on other dates within the established seasons as authorized by the Commanding Officer. The hunting day will be in accordance with reference (d), or as otherwise directed by the Natural Resources Staff. A list of hunting days will be announced annually during the first week of August and September in the "Plan Of The Week" (POW) and will also be posted at NWSY Hunt Station, Bldg. 53, and CAX, Bldg. 19.

(2) Area Closures. The Natural Resources Manager and/or the Security Officer may close specific stands or areas at any time. Such announcements will be made during the Indoctrination Brief.

(3) Indoctrination Brief. On the morning of the hunt, all hunters must first check-in by 0500 hours with the Natural Resources personnel at the NWSY Hunt Station, Bldg. 53, before proceeding to their assigned hunt area. Hunters will be given an Indoctrination Brief, assigned a marked stand, and taken to their assigned hunting stand by a designated Hunt Captain.

(4) Check-In Procedures. Hunters shall remain within their assigned area. No hunter will be permitted to leave the stand unless the Hunt Captain is with him/her, except to return to the drop-off point, and/or collect and field-dress harvested game. No hunter shall solicit or accept a ride back to the Hunt Station by any individual other than their Hunt Captain. During the early archery season, all bowhunters will assemble at the NWSY Hunt Station where they are scheduled to hunt at a time directed by the Natural Resources Staff.

(5) Permits/Application Process. In addition to the State license and Installation permit, anyone wishing to hunt at NWSY shall fill-out enclosure (2) and submit by stated application deadlines and according to directions. A drawing to select participants for each hunt will be held and successful

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applicants notified. In the event that all hunting spaces are not filled, the natural Resources Manager may accept late applications.

(6) Scouting. There is no scouting permitted on NWSY.

(7) Handling of Harvested Game. Hunters may retrieve and field-dress any deer taken within direct line-of-sight of their assigned stand. If a wounded animal leaves direct line-of-sight, the hunter should wait for arrival of a designated Hunt Captain before pursuing.

(8) Game Check-In. Upon return from the hunting area, all hunters shall check-in at the Hunt Station, Bldg. 53. Successful hunters will then report kills and exchange their license tab for an official VDGIF Check Card.

g. Deer Hunting on CAX

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. Hunting is permitted only on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the established Virginia hunting seasons, or on other dates within the established seasons as authorized by the NWSY Commanding Officer. The hunting hours will be in accordance with reference (d), or as otherwise directed by the Natural Resources Staff. A list of hunting days will be announced annually during the first week of August and September in the "Plan of the Week" (POW) and will also be posted at NWSY Hunt Station, Bldg. 53, and CAX, Bldg. 19.

(2) Area Closures. The Natural Resources Manager and/or the Security Officer may close specific stands or areas at any time. Such announcements will be made during the Indoctrination Brief.

(3) Indoctrination Brief. On the morning of designated shotgun hunts, all hunters must first check-in by 0500 hours with the Natural Resources personnel at the CAX Hunt Station, Bldg. 19, before proceeding to their assigned hunt area. Hunters will be given an Indoctrination Brief, assigned a marked stand, and taken to their stand by a designated Hunt Captain.

(4) Check-In Procedures. Hunters shall remain within their assigned area. During shotgun season, no hunter will be permitted to leave the stand unless the Hunt captain is with him/her, except to return to the drop-off point and/or collect and field-dress harvested game. No hunter shall solicit or accept a ride back to the Hunt Station by any individual other than their Hunt Captain. During the early archery season, all bowhunters will assemble at the CAX Hunt Station, Bldg. 19, at a time directed by the Natural Resources Staff for hunting area assignments.

(5) Permits/Application Process. In addition to the State license and Installation permit, anyone wishing to hunt at

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CAX shall fill out enclosure (2) and submit by stated application deadlines according to directions. A drawing to select participants for each hunt will be held and successful applicants notified. In the event not all hunting spaces are filled, the Natural Resources Manager may accept late applications.

(6) Scouting. Scouting will be permitted in advance of the early archery season by contacting the NWSY Security Department.

(7) Handling of Harvested Game. During gun season, hunters may retrieve and field-dress any deer taken within direct line-of-sight of their assigned stand. If a wounded animal leaves direct line-of-sight, the hunter should wait for arrival of a designated Hunt Captain before pursuing. Archers may pursue wounded animals, but must adhere to all blaze orange requirements.

(8) Game Check-In. Upon return from the hunting area, all hunters shall check-in at the Hunt Station, Bldg. 19. Successful hunters will then report kills and exchange their license tab for an official VDGIF Check Card.

h. Waterfowl Hunting on DNAX

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. Waterfowl seasons will be in accordance with all State and/or Federal seasons. All Federal bag limits and other migratory waterfowl regulations apply.

(2) Blinds/Area Closures. Waterfowl hunters will be allowed to hunt only from duck blind locations maintained by the Natural Resources Manager. Blind locations will be posted at NASO Security, Bldg. 320, and the NRC, Bldg. 78. Hunters may not hunt from shore, boats, or any area other than authorized blind locations. The Natural Resources Manager and/or the Security Officer may close specific blinds at any time. Such announcements will be posted at the Security Office, Bldg. 320.

(3) Check-in Procedures. Blinds will be drawn on a first-come-basis on the opening day of each split season and the following Wednesdays and Saturdays during the season. Blind reservation shall not be accepted. Waterfowl hunters must check-out blinds at NASO Security, Bldg. 320, on the day they are hunting no earlier than 1½ hours before sunrise. Hunters must check-in with Security no later than 1 hour after sunset.

(4) Permits/Application Process. All waterfowl hunters must have a Federal migratory duck stamp and HIP number in addition to their State hunting license and Station permit.

(5) Game Check-In. Upon return from the hunting area, all hunters shall check-in at the Security Office to turn in parking passes and report harvest information.

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(6) Restrictions. Boats used for waterfowling may be propelled by gasoline engines in Redwing Lake only; however, "no wake" limitations will be strictly enforced. Boats are not permitted on Lake Tecumseh unless written permission is obtained from the private landowner. For boating and personal safety, no more than four hunters are permitted to hunt from a duck blind.

i. Spring Turkey (Gobbler) Season on NWSY

(1) Season Dates/Hunting hours. Hunting is permitted on NWSY on Saturdays during the established Virginia Spring Hunting Season for bearded birds only. All Virginia bag limits and regulations apply. The hunting day will be from 30 minutes before sunrise until 1200 hours.

(2) Indoctrination Brief. Selected hunters are to assemble at the Hunt Station, Bldg. 53 on their scheduled hunt day at a time directed by the Natural Resources Manager. Hunters will be briefed and assigned a hunting area prior to going into the field.

(3) Permits/Application Process. Due to Security concerns, turkey hunting at NWSY is restricted to Yorktown personnel only. There are a limited number of spaces available on each hunting day. Yorktown personnel wishing to hunt turkey at NWSY shall fill-out Enclosure (2) and submit by stated application deadlines and according to directions. A drawing to select participants for each hunt will be held and successful applicants notified. A State license and Installation permit is also required.

(4) Game Check-In. Upon return from the hunting area, all hunters shall check-in at the Hunt Station, Bldg. 53. Successful hunters will then report kills and exchange their license tab for an official VDGIF Check Card.

(5) Restrictions. Electric callers are prohibited, as are dogs and organized drives.

j. Spring Turkey (Gobbler) Season on CAX

(1) Season Dates/Hunting hours. Hunting is permitted on CAX on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the established Virginia Spring Hunting Season for bearded birds only. All Virginia bag limits and regulations apply. The hunting day will be from 30 minutes before sunrise until 1200 hours.

(2) Indoctrination Brief. Selected hunters are to assemble at the Hunt Station of CAX, Bldg. 19, on their scheduled hunt day at a time directed by the Natural Resources Manager. Hunters will be briefed and assigned a hunting area prior to going into the field.

(3) Permits/Application Process. There are a limited number of spaces available on each hunting day. Anyone wishing

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to hunt turkey at CAX shall fill out Enclosure (2) and submit it according to directions. Drawings to select participants for each hunt will be held and successful applicants notified. A State license and Installation permit is also required.

(4) Game Check-In. Upon return from the hunting area, all hunters shall check-in at the Hunt Station, Bldg. 19.

Successful hunters will then report kills and exchange their license tab for an official VDGIF Check Card.

(5) Restrictions. Electric callers are prohibited, as are dogs and organized drives.

(6) Scouting. Scouting will be permitted in advance of the spring gobbler season by contacting the CAX Security Department.

k. Small Game Hunting on NASO

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. The small game season includes squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, and other species as authorized by Virginia game regulations. Virginia regulations regarding bag limits, seasons, and hours will be followed.

(2) Area Closures. Small game areas will be open on a daily rotational basis during the regular small game season. While open to small game hunting, all deer hunting areas within the small game area will be closed. Open small game hunting areas will be posted at NASO Security, Bldg. 320, and the NRC, Bldg. 78. The Natural Resources Manager and/or the Security Officer may close specific areas at any time. Such announcements will be posted at NASO Security, Bldg. 320 and outside the NRC, Bldg. 78.

(3) Indoctrination Brief. An Indoctrination Brief is not required for small game hunters although all hunters should be familiar with hunting area boundaries and parking areas prior to hunting.

(4) Check-In Procedures. Each hunter shall sign-out at Security, Bldg. 320, for a specific area immediately before going into the field for hunting. Hunters may sign-out for an area as early as sunrise. Only one hunting party, consisting of up to four hunters, shall be allowed in a small game hunting area at any one time. To reduce pressure on game species, only two hunting parties shall be allowed in any small game area per day. Reservation of hunting areas shall not be accepted. Hunters shall be issued parking maps and parking passes upon check in for hunting areas. The parking pass must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard. Upon return from the hunting area, all hunters shall check-in at the Security Office by sunset of that hunting day, complete the log form, and turn in parking passes.

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(5) Permits/Application Process. No application other than purchase of the required State license and Installation hunting permit.

1. Small Game Hunting on NALF

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. The small game season includes squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, and other species as authorized by Virginia game regulations. Virginia regulations regarding bag limits and seasons will be followed.

(2) Area Closures. Small game areas will be open only after the general Chesapeake firearm season for deer is over. Hunting is permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only during the regular small game season. The Natural Resources Manager and/or the Security Officer may close specific areas at any time. Such announcements will be posted at the Crash Captain's Watch Desk, Bldg. 320. These announcements will also be posted outside the NRC, Bldg. 78.

(3) Indoctrination Brief. An Indoctrination Brief is not required for small game hunters although all hunters should be familiar with hunting area boundaries and parking areas.

(4) Check-In Procedures. Each hunter shall sign-out at the Crash Captain's Watch Desk, Bldg. 100, for a specific area immediately before going into the field for hunting. Hunters may sign-out for an area as early as sunrise. To reduce pressure on game species, only one hunting party, consisting of up to four hunters, shall be allowed in a small game hunting area per day. Reservation of hunting areas shall not be accepted. Hunters shall be issued parking maps and parking passes upon check-out of a hunting area. The parking pass must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard. Hunters may only hunt in the area in which they have signed-out. Prior to hunting in another area, hunters are required to report back to the Crash Captain, Bldg. 100 and turn in hunting and parking passes. Hunters must report to Bldg. 100 by sunset of that hunting day or forfeit hunting privileges for the season. Log forms must be completed at the end of each day's hunt. This includes information on hours hunted, game seen and harvested, and hunter identification.

(5) Application Process. No application other than purchase of the required State license and Installation hunting permit.

m. Small Game Hunting on NWSY

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. Hunting is permitted only on Saturdays or specified Holidays prior to and immediately after the general firearms season for deer, which fall within the established Virginia hunting seasons, or on other dates within the established seasons as authorized by the Commanding Officer.

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The hunting day will be in accordance with reference (d), or as otherwise directed by the Natural Resources Staff. The small game season includes squirrel, rabbit, quail, dove, woodcock, and other species as authorized by Virginia game regulations. Virginia regulations regarding bag limits and seasons will be followed. While dove hunting is permitted on scheduled small game hunt days on NWSY during the regular dove season, organized hunts are not planned.

(2) Area Closures. The Natural Resources Manager will determine open areas.

(3) Indoctrination Brief. Small game hunters are to assemble at the Hunt Station, Bldg. 53, of the NWSY unit on scheduled hunting days at a time directed by the Natural Resources Manager. Hunters will be briefed and assigned a hunting area prior to going into the field.

(4) Check-in Procedures. Hunters are to assemble at the Hunt Station at the NWSY unit where they will be briefed and assigned an area in which to hunt.

(5) Application Process. No application, other than purchase of the required State license and installation hunting permit, is required. All hunters planning to hunt doves or woodcock must have a HIP number in addition to their State hunting license and Station permit.

(6) Game Check-In. All hunters will check back in at the Hunt Station before leaving for the day.

n. Dove Hunting on NASO and NALF

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. Dove may be hunted on NASO and NALF on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and designated Holidays during the open seasons. Bag limits, seasons, and times are subject to annual change.

(2) Area Closures. Availability of open fields is dependent on various factors including weather, crop type, and maturity. The Natural Resources Manager will be responsible for determining field availability and rotation schedule. Dove field locations change from year to year. For NASO, locations shall be posted at Security, Bldg. 320 and the NRC, Bldg. 78. For NALF, locations shall be posted at the Crash Captain's Watch Desk, Bldg. 100. Hunter quotas may be assigned to each area for dove hunting. These quotas shall be posted, if applicable, at the hunter check station.

(3) Indoctrination Brief. An indoctrination brief is not required for small game hunters although all hunters should be familiar with hunting area boundaries and parking areas.

(4) Check-in Procedures. Due to high response for opening day of the season, all check-in for that day will be

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conducted at the NRC, Bldg. 78. Hunter quotas and areas will be assigned at this time. Hunting check-in after that day will be at Bldg. 320 or Bldg. 100 (NALF). Upon return from the hunting area, all hunters shall check-in at the Security Office or the Crash Captain's Watch Desk (NALF) to turn in parking passes and report harvest.

(5) Permit/Application Process. All dove hunters must have a HIP number in addition to their State hunting license and Station permit.

o. Trapping at NASO, NALF, or DNAX

(1) Season Dates/Hunting Hours. Trappers must abide by State laws, this Instruction, and any other special regulation announced by the Natural Resources Manager.

(2) Area Closures. The Natural Resources Manager will designate trapping areas and, in coordination with the Security Officer, may restrict access to these areas.

(3) Check-In Procedures. Prior to checking traps, trappers must check in at the Security Watch Desk, Bldg. 320, NASO; Bldg. 551, DNAX; or Crash Captain's Watch Desk, Bldg. 100 (NALF).

(4) Permit/Application Process. Any person wishing to trap furbearers must register and submit a request for area assignment with the NASO Natural Resources Manager. Trappers may request trapping areas on or after 1 October of each year. Drawings for trapping areas shall be held when it is anticipated that the demand for areas exceeds quotas.

(5) Restrictions

(a) A nonferrous metal tag bearing the trapper's name and address must be attached to each trap. Traps not marked risk confiscation by the Conservation Officer or Natural Resources Manager.

(b) Traps must be checked at least daily.

(c) No steel trap or snare shall be set within 200 yards of a residence or within a designated Special Services area, such as the picnic area or Boy Scout camping area.

(d) The use of body-gripping traps with a jawsread in excess of 7½ inches is prohibited except when such traps are completely covered by water.

(e) It is prohibited to set above the ground any steel trap with teeth set upon the jaws or with a jaw spread exceeding 6½ inches, or any body-gripping trap with a jaw spread in excess of 5 inches, baited with any lure or scent likely to attract a dog.

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(f) No trap or snare may be set in hunting areas on days that rabbit, quail, or dove are hunted unless traps remain covered by at least 6 inches of water at all times.


(g) Dens or houses of furbearers may not be disturbed.

(h) Trappers must report weekly catch in writing during the season to the Natural Resources Manager. Trappers should provide information on sex, weight, and condition for each animal taken.

(i) Animal carcasses shall be disposed of off Station. Any trapper caught disposing of carcasses on Station shall lose all trapping privileges.

7. Enforcement. The Federal, State, and local game laws and Navy regulations on bases covered by this Instruction are enforced by Natural Resource Management personnel acting as Station Conservation Officers by authority of the Commanding Officer. They have the power to apprehend and arrest all violators of Federal, State, and Station game laws and regulations. In addition, they have the authority to dismiss any hunter in violation of this Instruction or whom they consider unsafe for any reason. All violations of this Instruction or other applicable laws and regulations shall be reported to the Installation Natural Resources Manager or Security Detachment.

8. Review Authority. The Regional Engineer's Natural Resources Program Manager is responsible for the review and updating of this Instruction.



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STATION PERMIT SUSPENSION/REVOCATION

A-1 POLICY. The privilege of hunting on COMNAVREG MIDLANT Installations is governed by the Commanding Officer of the appropriate Installation.

A-2 AUTHORITY. The Natural Resources Manager and Conservation Officer(s) shall enforce regulations and have the authority to suspend or revoke hunting privileges as appropriate.

A-3 VIOLATIONS. The following is a list of common violations and administrative actions that may be taken against personnel who violate applicable State and Federal Hunting and Trapping Laws and Regulations and this Instruction. Permit suspensions may be in addition to criminal prosecution and/or prosecution through the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Penalties for the first offense are listed. Suspensions are measured in "hunting days from date of violation." Penalties for the second offense are indefinite revocation of hunting privileges. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the authority of Installation Commanders to control access to their installations or provide for the safety and security thereof.

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Violation of parking requirements, or parking in an unauthorized area.	10 Days
Guest not accompanied by sponsor.	30 Days
Violation of blaze orange requirements	30 Days
Littering	30 Days
First violation of any station regulation, not a violation of State regulations.	30 Days
Violation of Station permit procedures	60 Days
Unauthorized stocking or release of domesticated or wild animals	60 Days
Violation of check-in or check-out procedures	TERMINATION FOR SEASON
Hunting on unauthorized days	TERMINATION FOR SEASON
Hunting in unauthorized areas or unauthorized movement into other hunting areas or stands.	TERMINATION FOR SEASON
Second violation of any Station regulation, not a violation of State regulations.	1 Year
Violation of any State or Federal wildlife statute	PERMANENT HUNTING BAN
Use of unauthorized weapons or ammunition	PERMANENT HUNTING BAN

Enclosure (1)

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HUNTING APPLICATION**1. SEASON - CHECK ONLY ONE BOX PER APPLICATION:**

(Applications with more than one box check will be discarded)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPRING TURKEY (Cheatham)	SPRING TURKEY (Yorktown)	GUN DEER (Cheatham)	BOW DEER (Cheatham)	GUN DEER (Yorktown)	MUZZLELOAD DEER (NASO)

Deadline: 15 MAR 15 MAR 1 NOV 15 SEP 1 NOV 10 AUG

2. PREFERRED HUNTING DATE (List Choices in Priority Order):

Date: (1) (2) (3) (4)

(See Instruction or call NWSY or NASO Natural Resources Manager for Available Dates)

OR FIRST AVAILABLE: ☐**3. APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

NAME: _____

MIL ☐OR CIV ☐

(Check only one)

HUNTER SAFETY CARD NO. _____
(Attach photocopy with application)

COMMAND: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ (DAY) _____ (EVENING)

NWSY OR NASO PERMIT NUMBER: _____

(If obtained by date of application)

4. NAME OF GUEST (IF ANY) YOU WISH CONSIDERED ON THIS APPLICATION:

NAME: _____ HUNTER SAFETY # _____

5. AGREEMENT: By signing this application, I certify I have read, understood and will abide by COMNAVREGMIDLANTINST 11015.2 Series and all applicable State and Federal Hunting Laws. I consent to inspection at any time by duly authorized personnel (Navy, Federal, and State), for purposes of safety, security, or compliance with said Instruction. Subject to penalties provided by law, I attest that I am not prohibited by chapter 44 of title 18, U.S. Code, from possessing firearms or ammunition; and that the possession of firearms or ammunition will not violate a statute of the Commonwealth of Virginia or an ordinance applicable to the locality in which I reside. I attest that I have full knowledge of the risks and dangers involved in hunting and trapping, and hereby relieve the Federal government of all liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death sustained therein on board COMNAVREG MIDLANT Installations. I agree that this release not only binds me, but also my family, heirs, assigns, administrators, and executors.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____ (Guest)

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HUNTING APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. General. Print or type all required information except for signature. All information must be included. Applications must be mailed (or faxed) and received at the following address by dates specified on the application. Late applications will not be considered unless available slots remain unfilled. **A photocopy of applicable hunter safety or IBEP card must be submitted with the application.**

For NWSY or CAX Hunts:

Navy Public Works Center (REG ENG)
Regional Environmental Group (Code 950)
9742 Maryland Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23511-3095

For NASO Muzzleloader Deer Hunt:

Navy Public Works Center (REG ENG)
Regional Environmental Group (Code 920)
9742 Maryland Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23511-3095

Fax: (757) 433-2719

2. Season. Check only one box per application. **If you wish to submit an application for more than one type of hunting, separate applications must be submitted.** Applications with more than one box checked in this section will be discarded.

3. Preferred Hunting Date. List preferred hunting dates or check first-available. Available hunting dates may change for each Calendar Year based on State regulations and Installation requirements. This Instruction will provide you with some assistance in determining available dates, otherwise contact the appropriate Natural Resources Manager for a complete list of hunt dates. For NWSY or CAX call (757) 887-7605. For NASO, NALF or DNAX call (757) 433-2151 or 433-3461. NWSY and CAX hunters must submit an application for each day they wish to hunt. NASO and DNAX hunters will automatically be considered for other open days on a space available or standby basis.

4. Applicant Information. Print all information, including address and Zip Code. Ensure a block designating military or civilian is checked. List current station hunting permit number if obtained.

5. Name of Guest. Eligible personnel may sponsor one guest while hunting deer or turkey. Guests must adhere to all application procedures, obtain an Installation hunting permit and comply with all applicable qualifications. If an applicant is approved, the sponsored guest is also selected to hunt on that day. Include photocopy of guests hunter safety card.

6. Signature (Required). By signing the form, applicants acknowledge they have read and understand COMNAVREGMIDLANTINST 11015.2 and all applicable State and Federal Hunting Laws.

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BOWHUNTING QUALIFICATION PROFICIENCY STANDARDS

1. Archers shall be permitted up to three qualifying attempts per year. All attempts can be made on the same day if so desired.
2. Archers shall shoot two arrows each at three designated targets. Six arrows are required for any qualifying attempt. Qualification distances shall not exceed twenty-five yards.
3. On each target, one of two arrows must land inside a marked kill-zone. The shaft of an arrow breaking the line is a valid shot.
4. Arrows must be tipped with hunting broadheads, and equipment must be that to be used during the hunting season. All broadheads and shafts must match and be numbered with the last four digits of the archer's Social Security Number. Archers using mechanical broadheads can qualify with field points provided mechanical broadheads are presented at the qualification and used during the hunting season.
5. The bow hunting range shall be closed thirty minutes prior to all qualifications. No practice shots are allowed prior to the qualification period.

MUZZLELOADER QUALIFICATION PROFICIENCY STANDARDS

1. Muzzleloaders shall be permitted one qualifying attempt per day. If more than one qualification shoot is scheduled for the year, shooters may attempt an additional qualification on the second day, within allotted range time, after all first time qualifiers have been given an initial attempt.
2. Muzzleloaders may shoot up to three shots at the target from a bench rest distance of fifty yards. A 9" diameter target will have an internal 3 1/2" diameter inner ring. Any shot inside the inner ring will be scored as 75 points and any in the outer ring will be scored as 50 points. Qualification consists of a minimum 125 point score. A shot breaking the edge of either ring is a valid shot.
3. Equipment used in qualifying shall be the same as that used for hunting.
4. No practice rounds permitted.

Enclosure (3)